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Letter dated 20 November 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on a "visit" of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on a "visit" of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine

On 18 November 2017 President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin paid a "visit" to the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation.

Ukrainian side considers this "visit" as well as all other trips of Russian officials to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol as a flagrant violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, blatant and demonstrative neglect by the Russian side of universally recognized norms of the international law.

The Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol are and will remain an integral part of Ukraine in its internationally recognized borders. It is recognized by the whole civilized world, which already provided its relevant assessment of illegal actions of the Russian Federation by adoption of resolutions by the United Nations organs and bodies, the Council of Europe, OSCE, other international organizations as well as by imposing wide restrictive measures (sanctions) against the occupying Power.